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1. On 31 May 1952, 800 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in the former administration building of the Dippe Brothers company in Quedlinburg (M 52/D 35). No motor vehicles or heavy weapons were noticed. Source also determined that a stripe 500 meters deep was guarded by troops in the area of Quedlinburg, while the area farther to the east was guarded by Volkspolizei. \*

2. During the period from 29 May to 1 June, the German border police was relieved by troops along the Oder River between Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) and Kuestrin (O 53/V 66).

3. In mid-May, a resident stated that troops were stationed in the woods southeast and southwest of Heldburg (M 51/O 19), particularly in the area of Rieth-Hellingen. There was heavy traffic of motor vehicles proceeding in the direction of Hildburghausen, north of Heldburg, with motor vehicles seen during the night of 15 May. These woods were placed off limits to all residents and foresters. The area was guarded by Volkspolizei.

4. On 15 May 1952, source determined that one battalion occupied Hildburghausen. A komendatura was established in the Burghof Hotel. Schools and private houses were vacated to quarter the troops. \*\*

\* Comment. The installation is reported for the first time. On 24 April, another source observed that the Mummenthal Schule (school) and the former office of the county administration were occupied by about 100 troops of a signal unit and motor vehicles from the area of the Third Gds Recz Army. See

\*\* Comment. Previous information indicates that units of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div in battalion strength were rotated to Hildburghausen for border guard duty. However, no information to indicate this had been received since late 1950. In December 1951 and February 1952, the location was unoccupied. See

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